

This makes a total of 7,000,000 young people. Add to this the membership of numerous smaller bodies throughout the country, and it will swell the number to 8,000,000. What latent possibilities in these young people. They are young people of power, intellectual and moral power, they are full of life, activity and energy. Their power will be felt in the civil and religious affairs of this nation and of the world. God bless these young people and wisely direct the tremendous force which they represent. Well may the Devil tremble at the coming of this mighty army of young men and women, coming in the name of the King and claiming the world for him. We are glad to know that the young men and women of the Brethren church have joined this army of the King and are boldly marching forward in the grand triumph of truth doing what they can to hasten the day of the Lord when the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdom of our God and of his Christ and every knee shall bow and every tongue confess him Lord of lords.

#### COMMUNION WITH GOD.

The habit of constant communion with God has a marvelous influence, not only on our own lives and character, but on all with whom we come in contact. When one is in touch with God his family and neighbors will be made to feel the sweet influence of the higher spirituality which comes from such communion. In speaking of the influence on her own character of the spirituality of her mother Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe says:

With a noiseless step and almost shadowy movement, my mother's eye and hand were everywhere. Her home was a model of neatness and order, her children under her perfect control, and the accumulations of labor that beset a large family, when there are no servants, all melted away under her hands as if by enchantment. She had a divine magic, too, that mother of mine, if it be magic to commune daily with the supernatural. She had a little room all her own, where, on a stand, always stood open the great family Bible, and when work pressed hard and children were untoward, when sickness threatened and the skeins of life were all crossing and tangled, she went quietly to that room and, kneeling over that Bible, took hold of a warm, healing, invisible Hand, that made the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

We can refute assertions, but who can refute silence.—*Dickens*.

### Personal Mention.

We expect a visit from Bro. Cassell about the first week in August. On business of course.

Bro. Gillen gives some practical hints to the members of the Illiokota Conference District.

We are sorry to learn that Brother Mackey has cancelled his engagement to prepare notes on the Sunday School lessons for the EVANGELIST.

Bro. Levi Fry, Indiana, Pa., would like some information on Matthew 16: 19. See "Our Bible School." The matter is referred to Brother Miller.

Sister Sadie Gibbons baptized a young man in Chicago last Sabbath evening after the preaching services. Brother McFaden has a real co-laborer in sister Gibbons.

Bro. Lyon, of Washington, D. C., has promised us weekly notes for the "Mission Field" department. A column or even a half column will be much appreciated by our people.

Bro. Rench in his communication says he expects conversions, he looks for them. This is the gospel idea. When a man preaches the gospel why should he not expect conversions?

Bro. W. A. Welty is now actively engaged in the work at Bryan, O. These new relations will bring with them many new experiences which we hope he will find pleasant and profitable.

Bro. E. H. Smith writes: "We have been having a glorious revival at a new point near Cypher's Pa. Brother Bowman, of Philadelphia, was with me ten days and gave valuable services. Have been conducting the entire meeting on faith alone, thermometer 90 in the shade, in the midst of harvest, large crowds and fifty conversions." Here is a model report. Surely no one will complain of its length. It is brief and to the point; in fact a little too brief this time Brother Smith, but particulars are promised later. At any rate learn from this how much one can say in a few words.

### Notes and Comments.

**Who will be Next.** It is reported that one of the greatest railroad companies in the United States has done away with the "butchers." That is the name by which the impudent boys are known who sell chewing gum, poor cigars, bad novels and worse periodicals in the cars. For this relief all passengers on that road, and all persons who hope for the final triumph of morality and good manners, will be thankful. Railroad companies should have learned long before this time that the nasty chewing gum, bad novels, indecent literature, etc., are not matters of news, and the so-called news boy is becoming a great nuisance to the traveling public.

**Apologies.** An exchange well says, "The most tedious utterances, because the most superfluous, and often the most hypocritical, to which the public has to listen, are apologies, whether in sermons or speeches." There are times, but they are rare, when apologies are in order. Ministers who are in the habit of making apologies to their audiences will find thought for reflection in the following from Canon Fleming, an English author: "Apologies have been called the cant of the

platform. They all spring from pride. In plain English they mean but this: "Let me beg of you not to take my present address as any criterion of my abilities. I assure you I am a much wiser and much cleverer man than you suspect me to be, were you to judge of my talents by the speech I am about to deliver."

**Helps Business.** One great argument liquor men make against prohibitory laws is that it hurts business. And yet every liquor man knows that his traffic is detrimental to all kinds of business, and if he would want to acknowledge it prohibition in every instance improves business. The *Kansas City Star* tho not a prohibition paper, not even a temperance paper, gives the following testimony in favor of the prohibitory law from one of the highest salaried traveling men in Kansas:

I make all the towns in eastern Kansas and western Missouri, and I want to say that all this talk of prohibition hurting business is a farce. I sell more goods and of a better quality in Kansas towns than I do in Missouri, and my patrons are better pay. They need not tell me that the people of a town have to guzzle beer in order to have prosperous business. When the people of a town spend their money for beer they don't have so much to spend in my line. I don't mind a glass of beer occasionally, but I prefer to sell goods to a man that doesn't use it. I find he is a great deal more apt to have the money when pay day comes.

**Not Temperance but Prohibition.** The following from the *Union Signal* is well worth repeating:

In his own pungent, forcible style, the noted Southern evangelist, Rev. Sam Small, has been talking to Washington audiences—limited only by the capacity of the buildings in which he spoke—about the "works of the devil" in these latter days. He gives alcohol first place among these works, showing it to be the most potent for the destruction of human power, hopes and destiny, and that by the legalized liquor traffic it is made the arch seducer of the sober and unsuspecting. Mr. Small does not want to be called a temperance man, however. "He says he would as soon be called a yellow dog. 'Once it was honorable to be called a temperance man,' he says, 'but since the distillers, brewers and dogger-keepers of the nation in solemn conventions have resolved they are temperance men, I repudiate the name and declare myself a prohibitionist from the tip end of the tallest hair in my head to the tacks in my boots.' Many are the foes of the liquor traffic who feel the same way, and the number is growing larger every day. We should not feel satisfied with the words 'Temperance' in the name of our white-ribbon organization if it were not preceded by the word 'Christian.' We hardly think any liquor men's convention, or, indeed, the republican party itself, is likely to pledge official sympathy with 'Christian' temperance.

It is not so important for one to know when Christ will come again, as to know that he is ready for his coming at any moment.—*United Presbyterian*.

Let us not dream that reason can be popular. Passions, emotions may be made popular, but reason remains forever the great property of the elect few.